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In re Application of :  
John M. Barker :  
Serial No.: 10/099,864 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: March 13, 2002 :  
For:Pre-filled Safety Vial Injector:

This is in response to applicants' petition filed April 22, 2002, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on the merits as it relates HIV/AIDS.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, X. Therefore the petition is GRANTED.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact John E. Kittle by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700/2900, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0873 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-3139.

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